

AUCKLAND HIGH SCHOOL AMBASSADORS 2018

The High School Ambassadors Programme is a fantastic volunteering opportunity for Year 12-13 students to develop new skills while supporting UN Youth to educate and inspire other students.

As a High School Ambassador (HSA), you will be the representative of UN Youth New Zealand at your school. You will be an extension of the Auckland Regional Council and will be responsible for helping UN Youth to impact the lives of more students than ever before.

Your broad goal is to support UN Youth to educate and inspire students within your school both by working with students directly and helping them engage in UN Youth's conferences. We accept up to two High School Ambassadors in each school.

Applications close at 11.59pm on Sunday, April 1st.

ROLE DESCRIPTION

UN Youth's vision is to inspire students to want to change the world and have the skills to do it. The big picture of the role of a UN Youth High School Ambassador is to do just that.

In practise, that means being the representative of UN Youth in your schools – you'll come through our training programme and be first to know about everything going on in UN Youth. Your job will be to promote UN Youth and our events to students in your school, to be in charge of making sure that everyone gets access to the opportunities UN Youth can bring.

You will be exposed to a range of opportunities both within and outside the organisation, and gain experience in a professional capacity. In addition, you will develop widely applicable skills: event management, leadership and public speaking. You will also receive formal recognition for your involvement as a High School Ambassador.

You'll be expected to promote events through running meetings, organising notices and speaking at assemblies. We'll want you to develop relationships with relevant teachers to inform them about the work and values of UN Youth and then at the end of your term help recruit successive Ambassadors.

You'll also be expected to advocate for the values of UN Youth by exemplify the values of engagement and tolerance that UN Youth is based on. You'll be able to support students to come to UN Youth events and share the values that you've got out of UN Youth with them.

If you're passionate about inspiring global citizens, this is the platform from which to start making your own contribution to the vision of UN Youth, while still being able to participate as a delegate at both regional and national events.

IN-SCHOOL EVENTS

You'll also have the option of running a UN Youth event yourself in your school. For the past few years, we've run a really successful Model UN in the Classroom programme – but in 2018 we're going to be shaking that up with a super exciting new events programme. We're going to have 4 different pre-made events that HSAs will be able to choose from to run any or all of at different times during the year. The events will cover everything from NZ Politics and Model Parliament to

Crisis Model UN. Each event will be supported by a couple of tertiary volunteers and HSAs will get to choose whether to run the event just for their own school or in combination with HSAs from other schools.

Even better, you'll be able to volunteer at other schools' events – having a great time getting volunteering experience while working with all the other HSAs in the programme. You'll get to try out leading workshops, chairing Model UN and facilitating Interactive Problem Solving sessions.

If that sounds like you, read on for details of how to apply! If you'd like to ask any questions about the programme, please contact 2018 High School Ambassador Programme Coordinator, Teresa Lee, at teresa.lee@unyouth.org.nz.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Ambassadors are expected to sign and abide by a code of conduct, which outlines our behavioural and professional expectations of Ambassadors. This is in order to safeguard the brand and reputation of our organisation. If we consider a student to have acted outside the terms of the code of conduct, the student will be dismissed from their role. You can download the code of conduct [here](#).

Your term will officially run from the 1st January 2018 to the 31st of December 2018 but your job will effectively take place within the school year.

APPLICATION

In order to apply to be an Ambassador in 2018, we request that you answer the following questions in an application not to exceed two typed pages in length.

Please send your completed application to Auckland HSA Programme Coordinator Teresa Lee, at teresa.lee@unyouth.org.nz by 11.59pm on Sunday, April 1st. The subject line should read "HSA Application – [Your school name] – [Your name]".

Please include your full name, the school you are attending, whether you were a 2017 Ambassador, and your school year (for 2018) in your application. We also request that you attach a copy of your CV to your application email, preferably in .pdf format and a copy of the code of conduct with your name at the bottom (available [here](#)). This means that your email should have attached **3 separate files**.

QUESTIONS

1. What do you see as the value of your involvement with UN Youth? In your answer please specify the relevant events you have attended.
2. What skills do you see as important for a successful UN Youth High School Ambassador, and how have you demonstrated these skills?
3. At the end of your term as an Ambassador, what would you like to have achieved in your role?
4. What do you consider to be the biggest challenge that UN Youth faces in attracting high school students and how would you tackle this?

5. What are some of your ideas for UN Youth? What can be improved in our programme and where do you think you can realistically foster improvement for our delegates?
6. In 150 words or less, how would you describe/explain UN Youth New Zealand to someone who knows nothing about the organisation?

PLEASE NOTE

By submitting this application, you are making the commitment that, if successful, you will meet the expectations outlined in the job description throughout your term. It is expected that Ambassadors will be ambitious and proactive in their roles.

It is important that applicants critically assess their capacity in taking on this leadership position. Though strong standing and experience is a great factor, Ambassadors will only be effective when fully committed.

To recap – in order to apply you must send one email to Teresa.lee@unyouth.org.nz that has attached your application, your CV and your signed code of conduct before 11.59pm on Sunday, April 1st.

In schools where applications are competitive the 2018 High School Ambassadors Committee may decide to conduct interviews. We'll be in touch soon after applications have closed to schedule interview times if necessary.

We look forward to hearing from you!